

OBSEQUIES TODAY FOR GENERAL RIGGS

Services To Be Conducted By
Rector Of Emmanuel
Church

Member Of Board Of Regents
Of U. Of Md. Victim Of
Heart Disease

Funeral services for Gen. Clinton Levering Riggs, who was a member of the board of regents of the University of Maryland and president of the Maryland Historical Society, will be held at 3 P. M. today.

The services will be held at the home, 606 Cathedral street. The Rev. Theodore P. Ferris, rector of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, will conduct the services.

General Riggs died Sunday night in Union Memorial Hospital of heart disease. He would have been 73 today.

Born In New York

Although he was born in New York, his family for many generations, dating back to the seventeenth century, had been identified with Maryland in public and social life. His father, Lawrason Riggs, spent some time in St. Louis, but after his marriage in 1860 to Miss Mary Turpin Bright, traveled abroad for two years and then settled in New York. One year after the birth of Clinton Riggs the family moved to Baltimore.

His early education was acquired at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. He was graduated from Princeton University in 1887 with a degree in civil engineering. While a student he and his brother Lawrason were noted as football players. Clinton Riggs later took a post-graduate course in political economy at the Johns Hopkins University.

During three years spent in the West after his graduation from Princeton, he was associated with Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. Returning to Baltimore, he took up mechanical engineering with the Robert Poole & Son Co. and subsequently with the Detrick & Harvey Machine Co. He was vice-president of the latter concern when he retired from business in 1903.

His military career, although interrupted several times, won him high praise from his superiors and civic leaders. Elected to the Fifth Regiment, Maryland National Guard, as a second lieutenant in Company E, in April, 1890, he rose in rank rapidly. He became captain of Company F in February, 1891, and was placed in command of the First Battalion with the rank of major in October, 1895.

Served In Spanish-American War

In that capacity he served with the Fifth Regiment during the Spanish-American War. A captain in the battalion was Charles D. Gaither, former Commissioner of Police.

General Riggs resigned from the regiment in June, 1899, and in January, 1904, he was appointed Adjutant General of Maryland by Governor Warfield. During his four-year term in office, he was one of the high-ranking officers in command of the troops which guarded property in Baltimore, damaged by the great fire of 1904.

His love of the service caused him to return to the ranks in 1915—this time as a private—and during a training course at the State camp at Saunders Range, he shared the burdens of the other rookies. Later, he served as a colonel in the Maryland National Guard. He retired in August, 1920, with the rank of major general after his resignation had been accepted from the unassigned list.

Held Post At Manila

President Wilson named him a member of the Philippine Commission in the fall of 1913. Arriving at Manila in March, 1914, General Riggs acted as Secretary of Commerce and Police until he resigned the next year. Ill health caused him to return from his post in the spring of 1915, and his resignation was sent to President Wilson in June.

He cited certain differences of opinion that existed between him and other commissioners in the administration of affairs on the islands. President Wilson accepted the resignation in October.

For a number of years he was president of the Riggs Building Company and prominent in real estate circles. He served as president of the Real Estate Board of Baltimore, retiring in November, 1927. Later he was treasurer of the board, resigning that post in September, 1930.

Governor Ritchie appointed him a member of the board of regents of the University of Maryland in December, 1933. While a member of the board, he was named by Dr. Raymond A. Pearson, then president of the university, as a member of the three-man milk adjustment committee. This group, organized in February, 1934, worked with the State Milk Administrator.

Active in social affairs, he entertained at his town house and his 500-acre farm in Catonsville. On his country estate, he raised sheep and cattle. His interest in cattle, however, was confined to the farm. When it was proposed to establish a cattle quarantine station at Fort McHenry, he was one of the leaders against such a move.

Interested In Fort McHenry

His efforts, along with those of other prominent Baltimoreans, were responsible for making Fort McHenry a Government reservation commemorating the birth of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

He was one of the organizers of the Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission. About a decade ago he was one of the group which revived the old Jackson Efficiency and Economy Commission and organized it on a permanent basis as the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy.

Played On Lacrosse Team

In his younger days he played on the Druid lacrosse team, which he

helped form. He also promoted the stick game at the Hopkins and was one of the organizers of the Baltimore Athletic Club.

He was a member of the Baltimore Country Club, Bachelors' Cotillon, Sons of the American Revolution and Society of the War of 1812.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. T. H. G. Balliere; a son, Richard Cromwell Riggs; four grandchildren and four brothers, Lawrason Riggs, Jesse B. Riggs, Alfred R. Riggs and Henry G. Riggs, all of Baltimore.